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FOLDING STROLLER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claim as follows:

5. (Amended) The stroller according to claim 2 further comprising an operating device held on the handle, and a connecting member extending along the handle and having one end connected to the stopping member and the other end connected to the operating device, wherein the connecting member is pulled up by operating the operating device to move the stopping member biased in the locking direction in an unlocking direction opposite to the locking direction.

Please add the following new claims:

6. The stroller according to claim 3 further comprising an operating device held on the handle, and a connecting member extending along the handle and having one end connected to the stopping member and the other end connected to the operating device, wherein the connecting

member is pulled up by operating the operating device to move the stopping member biased in the locking direction in an unlocking direction opposite to the locking direction.

7. The stroller according to claim 4 further comprising an operating device held on the handle, and a connecting member extending along the handle and having one end connected to the stopping member and the other end connected to the operating device, wherein the connecting member is pulled up by operating the operating device to move the stopping member biased in the locking direction in an unlocking direction opposite to the locking direction.

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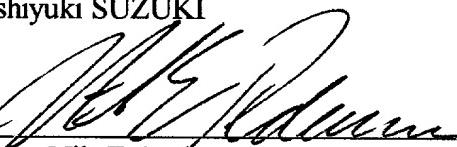
The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to delete the multiple dependency of the claims, thereby placing such claims in condition for examination and reducing the required PTO filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claim by the current Preliminary Amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

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is at a first position where the stopping projection is located when the body structure is in the unfolded state and so as to extend in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the handle when the stopping projection is at a second position where the stopping projection is located when the body structure is in the folded state; and the groove of the stopping member has a stepped part that comes into contact with the end part of the stopping projection to restrain the stopping member from movement in an unlocking direction when the stopping projection is at the second position.

4. The stroller according to claim 3, wherein the end part has an elliptic shape. *Claim 2*

5. The stroller according to ~~any one of claims 2 to~~ 4 further comprising an operating device held on the handle, and a connecting member extending along the handle and having one end connected to the stopping member and the other end connected to the operating device, wherein the connecting member is pulled up by operating the operating device to move the stopping member biased in the locking direction in an unlocking direction opposite to the locking direction.